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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)
CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER

XA-10268

U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)

10/522173INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.
PCT/JP2003/009436INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE
25 July 2003PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED
25 July 2002

TITLE OF INVENTION

STEERING COLUMN APPARATUS

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☐ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (24) indicated below.
4. ☐ The US has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))
 - a. ☐ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☒ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
 - a. ☒ is attached hereto.
 - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))
 - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).
11. ☐ A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409).
12. ☒ A copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210).

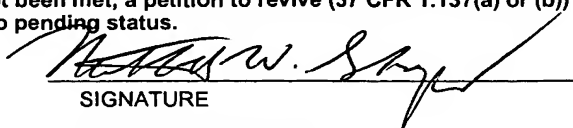
Items 13 to 23 below concern document(s) or information included:

13. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
14. ☒ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
15. ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
16. ☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
17. ☐ A substitute specification.
18. ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
19. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.
20. ☐ A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
21. ☒ A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
22. ☐ Express Mail Label No.
23. ☒ Other items or information:

6 sheets formal drawings (Figs. 1-9)
Copy of Form PCT/IB/308

ASSIGNEE INFORMATION
Assignee: NSK Ltd.

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| 24. The following fees are submitted: | | | | Applicant use | Office use |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a) Basic national fee | | \$300.00 | | \$ | \$300.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b) Examination fee | | \$200.00 | | \$ | \$200.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c) Search fee | | \$500.00 | | \$ | \$500.00 |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = | | \$1000.00 | | \$ | \$1,000.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof. | | | | | |
| Total Sheets | Extra Sheets | Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole) | RATE | | |
| - 100 = | /50 = | | x \$250.00 | \$ | \$0.00 |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)). | | | | \$ | |
| CLAIMS | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE | | |
| Total claims | 8 - 20 = | 0 | x \$50.00 | \$ | \$0.00 |
| Independent claims | 1 - 3 = | 0 | x \$200.00 | \$ | \$0.00 |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> + \$360.00 | | | | \$ | \$0.00 |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = | | | | \$ | \$1,000.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2. | | | | \$ | \$0.00 |
| SUBTOTAL = | | | | \$ | \$1,000.00 |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)). | | | | \$ | \$0.00 |
| TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = | | | | \$ | \$1,000.00 |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40 per property + | | | | \$ | \$40.00 |
| TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = | | | | \$ | \$1,040.00 |
| Amount to be refunded: | | | | | \$ |
| Amount to be charged: | | | | | \$ |
| <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed.</p> <p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>50-1165</u> in the amount of <u>\$1,040.00</u> to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>50-1165</u>. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</p> | | | | | |
| <p>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.</p> <p>SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:</p> <p>Customer No. 181</p> | | | | | |
| | | | | <p></p> <p>SIGNATURE</p> <p>Mitchell W. Shapiro</p> <p>NAME</p> <p>31,568 January 24, 2005</p> <p>REGISTRATION NUMBER</p> | |